

1857-006

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

GRIFFIN

VS. GRIFFIN + al

5/1857

other surnames: Burgess,
White, Kello, Atkinson,
Drewry

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Griffin

to } Papers

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v { Stat. Rules

Griffins

Irvin Griffin

against

John C. & Caroline A. Griffin

1851 Sept. 30th Summons issued.

" Oct. 2nd Summons returned Executed Bill filed A. R. Edwards assigned Gen.
ad litem to Deft. Answer of infants filed. Gen. Rep.

" Nov. " Cause set for hearing on bill. answer of

" " J. Decree of

1852 May " Final Decree

1854 May " Report of decree of

1855 May 3rd Rept Decree

1856 Apr. 29 Rept

1857 May J. Decree of

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October Rules 1851

To the Honorable Richard H. Barker Judge
of the Circuit Court, for the County of
Southampton--

Humbly complaining sheweth unto
your Honor, your complainant Irvin Griffin--
That his brother Robert G. Griffin, of this County
has recently departed this life, having made a
Will, which has been recorded in Clerk's Office of
Southampton County Court, a copy of which is
filed as a part of this bill-- That he left two infant
children, under the age of fourteen years, for whom
your orator has been appointed Guardian--

That his lands, are entitled by ~~his will~~ ^{the will} ~~from~~ ^{to} their
father, to a tract of Land, situated in this County,
containing about 1100 acres-- which in the opinion
of your complainant should be sold-- That the in-
terest of his lands will be manifestly promoted
by such sale-- the rights of no other persons, will
be violated thereby-- and there is nothing contained
in the will of their father which prevents it--

Your orator, states, that the Land & buildings are
now in good, and substantial repair-- and in its
present condition is a most desirable residence and
valuable property-- and if brought into Market at this
time, would command a high price-- the annual
interest on which would be much more than it
could or would properly rent for-- annually-- even in
the present improved condition of the property--

The buildings will be constantly decaying-- and all
experience, shows-- that the Land, would under any
system of cultivation pursued by Tenants, in this part
of the County, become worn and exhausted-- and
when the Orator, now very young-- should arrive
at full age-- and come in possession of this
property-- it would be of little value-- and would
then, have to be raised-- which raising, would

greatly diminish its value.

That his wards, have not a sufficient number of slaves, to keep up the farm, and, if they did - your compt. would be unwilling, to retain the slaves, upon this land - where he keeps - they would be more valuable and productive to him than out - In addition each of his wards, are entitled to a tract of Land derived from their respective mothers, by descent, which would be sufficient for them - without the tract now sought to be sold.

Your orator further states, that his wards are jointly entitled to 20 slaves, of the value of an ordinary family of negroes - and, as above stated, each separately to a small tract of Land, not exceeding 350 acres each - and this is all the estate to which they are entitled, except, what may be due on the administration account of their fathers estate and which can not amount to any large sum -

That his wards are named John L. Griffin and Leavina A. Griffin - and if one were to die, the other is to take the whole, as their names are on the will of their father - and they are the only persons interested in the sale of their lands -

In your consideration of all which and in as much as, the matters herein stated are alone congruous in this court to the end therefore - that Justice may be done - He prays your Honor to make John L. and Leavina A. Griffin, infants

of tender years, by some fit and discreet person to defend them, - Defendants to this bill - That your Honor will decree a sale of the Lands mentioned and an investment of the proceeds, according to Law - and grant such other & just relief, in the premises - as Equity may dictate &c.

May it please the Co.

Southampton County to wit.

This day John Griffin personally appeared before me - and made oath that the facts stated and set forth in the within bill - are true to the best of his knowledge & belief - Given under my hand this 4th day of Oct 1857.

James Clayton J. P.

Griffin, Leavina wife of J. A. Benge, Margaret wife of Thomas S. White - & William J. & George Griffin infants and your compt. from Griffin

Thomas S. White & Margaret his wife -

Griffin $\sum$ Ann^y of
Griffin $\sum$ Infants

October Rules 1851

The answers of John. C & Caroline A Griffin
infants of tender years (by L R Edwards their
guardian ad litem,) to a bill of complaint
filed against them by John Griffin

These Defendants now and at all times saving
and reserving &c. for answers to the said bill
or so much thereof as they are advised it is
material or necessary they should make
answers unto, answering say that being
infants of tender years they are incapable
of judging whether it would be to their ben-
efit or not; that the said land mentioned
in the bill should be sold, and that they
submit their rights and interest to the
protection of the honorable court and
having answered they pray leave to be dis-
missed with their reasonable costs &c.

John C & Caroline A Griffin
by L R Edwards Sec. ad litem

Chauncey S. Hopper being atty

for the said Court, to wit:

This day L R Edwards appeared before me a
justice of the peace in and for the said County
and made oath that the statements contained
in the foregoing answers are true to the best
of his knowledge & belief. Given under
my hand this 6th day Oct 18 31

Levi D. Nicholson J D

answer of. The
Lepts. W. N. Triffin
Burgess & wife &
White & wife.

The joint and separate answer of
Wm. H. Griffin - A. S. H. Briggs and ~~Margaret~~
Louisiana's wife and Thomas S. White and Margaret
his wife, to a bill of complaint exhibited against
them and others by Wm. Griffin Guardian of
John C. and Caroline Griffin

These defendants saying &c. for answer
say that they admit the allegations contained
in the complaint to be true - and that
they can urge no objection to the decree which
is prayed for - and having answered
may to be bona dismissed -

By Chamberlain - This
and.

Answer of
Mr. T. C. Landon
Inspector - Inspector
by Thos. Landon and others

Answer of Wm J. and Caroline Triffin infants
by ~~E. W. Mapesburg~~ ^{E. W. Mapesburg} their Cust. ad Litem, to a bill filed
against them & others by their Triffin

& These respondents, being infants are
incapable of deciding for themselves in this
matter. They are informed that they would be
hired at Law of Jno C. & Caroline Triffin
who have been sought to be sold & have only
a contingent interest in the subject - and
defining their interest to the judgment of
the court. may to be here assumed &c =

E W Mapesburg

Griffin, Nov. Term.
vs.) Term.
Griffin.

Nov. Term 1851

To be entered
R. H. Baker
Nov. to 51.

1851 November Term

Griffin vs. Griffin.

This day this cause came on to be heard on the Bill - answer, of the defendants' replications ^{exhibits} ~~answers~~ and examinations of witnesses and was argued by counsel. On consideration thereof - the court with adjudge made and gave - That Irvine Griffin, who is appointed a commissioner for the purpose - after advertising the time and place of sale - for four weeks in some newspapers, published in the city of Pittsburgh - and at three or more places in the neighborhood, ~~thereof~~ of the land - and at the court house in some court day - proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder - on a credit of one and two years, equal instalments. The tract of Land in the proceedings mentioned, containing about 1100 acres. belonging to the infant children of Robt. G. Griffin and - and devised to them by the will of their Father - That he take of the purchaser bonds with good security, for the purchase money - and retain the title to the Land until the purchase ^{money} is wholly paid - and that he return the bonds, with his report to Court in or about a further order -

Liffin }
Liffin } from

To be entered

R. H. Baker

May Co. '52.

1852 May. Term

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This day this Cause came on again to be
read on the papers formerly read and the report
of Commissioner Griffin made in pursuance
of the decree of November Term 1851 to which
there is no exception, and the Court confirming
the same with adjudge order and decree that the
Clerk of this Court deliver the said bonds in the
report mentioned, to Maria Griffin, Guardian
for John and Caroline A. Griffin and take his receipt
therefor, and that the said guardian, out of the
said money when collected pay the costs of
this suit -

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Griffin -

May Term '54

1854 May Term

Griffin
or
Griffin.

across } This way this cause came an
to be again heard - on the papers
formerly read - and on the report
of Irvin Griffin, and was argued by

Counsel. On consideration whereof - The Court confirming
said report, to which no exception has been taken, with
adjudge order and decree, that Irvin Griffin, the Court,
who sold the Land, belonging to John and Caroline
Griffin, make a deed to John Lewis the purchaser -
with special warranty.

And the Court with further adjudge order and decree
that Irvin Griffin, loan out, the funds in his hands
arising from the sale of the Land, in other proceedings
mentioned - taking Bonds with good personal - or real
security - of the borrower - that he report to this Court
how he ~~uses~~ executes this decree -

Guslin

vs Lewis

Guslin

May 1855 -

To be entered

R. H. B.

May 1855

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On the motion of the plff the cause
Griffin - ~~the cause~~ is this day again docketed

~~This day this cause~~ came on to be again heard
on the papers formerly read - and on the report of John
Griffin, made under a decree of this court, entered at
May Term 1854 - and the court confirming said report
to which no exceptions have been filed, doth hereby
order and decree, that Edward W. Mapinburg, who is
hereby appointed a Comd for the purpose, receive from
the Court of this court, the money & bonds, returned
by John Griffin with his report, and collect the bonds, and
invest the funds, in bonds of the State of Virginia -
and return them to court, with his report.

But the said court shall not receive this decree until he
enter into bond and security, in the Court's office of this court
in the penalty of \$3000 - conditioned according to Law.

Griffin

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Griffins

Southampton Circuit Court, May Term, 1833.

Wm Griffin

Plff

against

John C. & Caroline A. Griffin

Defts

On the motion of the plaintiff this cause is this day again docketed and came out to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the report of Wm Griffin made under a decree of this Court rendered at May Term 1832, and the Court confirming said report to which no exceptions have been filed, doth the judge, order and decree that Edward W. Mendenburg who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for the purpose receive from the Clerk of this Court the money & bonds returned by Wm Griffin with his report, collect the bonds and invest the funds in bonds of the State of Virginia and return them to Court with his report. But the said Commissioner shall not execute this decree until he enter into bond and security in the Clerk's Office of this Court in the penalty of \$3000. conditioned according to Law.

Teste,

Henry A. Howard, D. C.

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May co. 1857.

To be entered

R. H. Baker

Griffin

ad.

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This day this cause came on to be ^{finally} ~~finally~~ heard on the papers formerly read - on the report of Edward M. Mapenbury in an the decree of May Term 1855. to which report no exception has been filed - and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the Court ~~ad-~~ ^{ad-} ~~judging~~ ^{judging} and confirming said report. with adjudge on an and decree, that John Griffin, Grant of ~~Thomas~~ ^{Thomas} Inc to Griffin and Caroline Griffin - receive from the Court of this Court. Two Coupon Bonds of the Commonwealth of Virginia - one for the sum of \$1000 - ^{renewable} ~~payable~~ Jan^y 1st 1887 - and dated Richmond August 4th 1853 - No 7228 - & one for \$1000 - renewable, Jan^y 1st 1884. and dated Richmond August 4th 1853. No. 53.27. - also a certificate of the deposits of the Portsmouth Saving Fund Society - for \$533.41. dated April 30th 1857 - which bonds & certificates were returned by Edward M. Mapenbury. with his report. and are now filed in this cause.

That the said Guaranties, hold the said bonds. for the benefit of the said Inc ^{Griffin} and Caroline ^{Griffin} - collect the interest as it falls due, and credit the amounts, as received in his Guaranties accounts, with his said Ward - That he collect the certificate of deposits and loan out the same on good & sufficient security

~~and~~ retain the bond for the benefit of his said wards -
& collect the interest annually, & credit the amount of
such interest, in his Guardian account.

But this order shall be suspended, until the said
Anne Griffin, shall enter in bond with sufficient security,
payable to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the Clerk's
office of this Court, & before the Clerk, in the penalty of
\$4000 - conditioned faithfully to execute the duties hereby
required.

and the Court order further or an. That the remaining costs
of this suit be paid by Anne Griffin, Guardian of Geo. C.
Hearshin Griffin, out of the estate of his wards.

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October Rules 1851

Presented
James A. Gillett Esq
of Ala. Myrick
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon

John C. & Caroline A. Griffin

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit ~~Superior Court of Law and Chancery~~ for the County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in *October* next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* in the said Court by

Iris Griffin

And unless ~~shall answer the said Bill within four months thereafter, the Court will take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this~~ shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of ~~\$100~~. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the *30th* day of *September* 18*57*, in the *76th* year of the Commonwealth.

L.R. Edwards

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

Griffin

v.

Griffin.

depositions

Handed in by F. T. Ridley J.P.
Oct 20th 1851. L.R.E.

The depositions of said. Thos. & Wm. Atkinson
Taken at Jerusalem on the 20th of October 1851
to be read as evidence in a suit now pend-
ing in the Circuit Court of Southampton
between John Griffin Plaintiff and John
C & Caroline A Griffin Defs.

Question by the Plff.

are you acquainted with the land on
which Dr. R. G. Griffin resided at
the time of his death? If so state its
value - and whether you think the
interest of the infant children, would be
promoted by a sale of the said land?

Answer. I am not acquainted with
the land - the subject of this suit - and
think the tract of land in its present
condition ~~is~~ is worth about \$1500 -

I think that if the tract is annually
rented out - it will appreciate in value -

and before the children attain full
age - will be much less valuable - than
it is now - That the ~~child~~ interest
of the children, will be manifestly
promoted by the sale - I think this of
any tract of land - belonging to
infant children of the age of the Defs
in this suit - which has to be rented
out - until they arrive to full age -

The houses are not now in good
repair - and it would require a con-
siderable sum to put them in good
order - and keep them so -

and further this deponent saith not.

Sam^l. Wells -

William Atkinson - deposes & says - that
he has read the deposition of Saml. Wells
and concurs - in the opinion - as to the
propriety of the sale. He thinks the Land
mentioned in this suit is worth - \$2500 -
He has no doubt on his mind - that the
interest of the children named is promoted
by selling the Land - and investing the pro-
ceeds - in other property - for raising them
to be placed at interest.

and further this deponent saith
not.

William Atkinson

The foregoing depositions were taken
before me - a Justice of the Peace
for Southampton County. The witnesses
having been first duly sworn.

The same taken in the presence of
L. R. Edwards.

H. J. Ridley JP

Arthur Drury - deposes & says - that he
is well acquainted with the Land mentioned in
this suit - that it is left in a bad
condition, by many ditches - cut in various
directions - about the plantation - which
requires much labour and expense to keep
them in proper order - It would be difficult
to cut it out in such times - as would
serve the purpose & ditches being left
in repair - and it would be to the
great interest of all persons - who are inter-
ested in the Land - to have it sold -

and further this deponent saith not.

Arthur A. Drury

Giffins } Report
Giffins }
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1852 May 4th

To The Honorable Circuit Court for the County
of Southampton

In Chancery

Your Commissioner appointed under a decree
in this cause made at the last term of the
Court directing the sale of the lands of Robert
S Griffin and, begs leave to report that in
pursuance of said decree he proceeded to sell
the said land on the 18th of Decem 1851 at pub-
lic auction to the highest bidder, and that
John Davis became the purchaser at the
sum of \$2550 for which amount after de-
ducting \$73 the expenses of the sale your
commissioner took two equal bonds pay-
able in one & two years with approved se-
curity, which one bond was returned

Amount of sale

\$2550

Expenses off

76

2474

Two bonds of \$1237.00 each

\$2474

All of which is respectfully submitted

March the 3^d 1852

John Griffin

Comr

Received June 25. 1852 of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Southampton County
the bonds returned with the return report of which were directed to be delivered to me
by a decree of May Term 1852.

Irvin Griffin Guardian
for John B and Caroline
A Griffin

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1854 May 3?

To the Agents of the Ancient Land of Southampton
~~John~~ Griffin make the following report in the case
of Griffin vs Griffin -

That he rec^d. from the Clerk
of this Court, the bonds, mentioned in the order of
May Term 1852 - which were executed by John
Davis, for the purchase of the Land in the proceedings
of this case, amounting in the aggregate to
\$2474 - one half of which was due on 18th Dec. 1852
& the other half 18th Dec. 1853 -

The said bonds have been paid - and the proceeds
are now in ~~the~~ hands, of the Guardian of John
and Caroline A. Griffin -

Respectfully submitted.
John Griffin Com^t

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1855 May 3^d

Griffie
 " *Superior*
 Griffie

To the Judge of the Circuit Court for the County
 of Southampton. Min. Griffie makes the following
 report pursuant to the order entered in this
 cause, at the May term 1854, he invested the
 funds in various bonds at various times, to wit:

on the 30 th of Decr 1854 the sum of	491.38
on the 20 th of March 1855-	\$ 288.90
on the 1 st of Nov 1854	207.63
25 th Sept "	166.00
17 th Sept "	86.23
1 st Oct "	78.37
1 st of Nov "	87.20
26 th of Sept "	41.28
1 st of Feb 1855-	40.00
17 th of Sept 1854	53.38
25 th of Sept 1855-	281.86
25 th of Decr 1854	36.23
4 th of Nov "	30.00
22 nd of Oct "	53.40
6 th of Nov "	35.10
5 th of Oct "	20.90
3 rd of " "	19.80
	<u>\$ 1961.76</u>

The balance of the funds amounting to \$512.24
 the commission. has not been able to use as
 as directed and he has with returns that amt,
 in cash together with the bonds above mentioned
 May 2 1855

Respectfully Submitted
 of Min Griffie Comm?

Received May 21st of the Clerk of Southampton Circuit Court the bonds & money returned by the
Commissioners with this report -

E W Maffee Clerk Commrs.

Griffin
to Σ paper
Griffin

1856 April 29th Ret.

Gaffin as Grieffin

To the Hon. Circuit Court for
the County of Southampton - In Chancery

Your Commissioner reports
that under the order of the May term 1855
he received from the Clerk of this Court the
money and bonds therein mentioned, and has
actively endeavored to collect the bonds ever
since, and has succeeded to a great extent -
though a considerable amount is still
due for which he has instituted suits.
That he has collected & received the sum of
Nineteen Hundred & seven & dollars & thirteen
cents (\$1970.13) which he has invested in
corporate bonds of the State of Virginia, which
are here with returned marked (H); and also the
sum of \$300 which he holds in cash.

submitted

All of which is respectfully
submitted
E. W. Maffett

Griffis } Exhibits
as } with Comand
Griffis } Report

(H)

E. W. Massenburg Esq
(of Southampton Co.)

Bo. of J Brown

2 Virginia Coupon Bonds of \$1000 each
N^o 5357 - pay. 1 Jan 1887 dated 4. Aug. 1853
7228 ————— do. ————— do. —————

signed W. D. Jackson ^{sr} and.

J. B. Stovall Treas. —

payable to Joseph Johnson or bearer

2000 ————— @ 98 ————— \$1960.00

Recd payment 31 Oct. 1855

J. Brown

\$1350. N.C. off $\frac{3}{4}$ \$1339.87
By: bank — 610 —
Change — 10.13.
\$1350

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is Rupert
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 & Supplemental Report of Commr. Maperburg
 Griffin

Am't Recd from Commr Griffin May 1855 in bonds \$1961.76

Int there due on said bonds 37.20

Cash Recd from Commr Griffin at that time 512.24

Total \$2511.20

By Commissioners 2 1/2 per cent \$64.78

By Am't paid for state bonds returned with report

Made to the Auditor of the Court 1855 1970.13

\$2034.91

Balance there due 476.29

Int on \$476.29 for two years 57.12

Balance now due \$533.41

The Commissioners further reports that finding no state
 coupon bonds in market for less than one thousand
 dollars and having been unable in the short time which
 has elapsed since he completed his collection to find
 even a registered bond for less than the amount last
 mentioned he has been prevented as yet from investing the
 said balance of \$533.41 as directed by the decree, and
 being anxious to show the full amount in his hands
 and to place it immediately under the control of the
 Court he has deposited the said balance in the Portland
 Savings Fund Society and he now returns the certificate
 of deposit that said amount can be withdrawn at
 any time and a registered bond purchased - all of
 which is respectfully submitted.

E W Maperburg

1857 May 18 Received of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Southampton County
the two coupon bonds & certificate of Deposit returned with this report

John Griffin

Robert G. Griffin
Mill

a Copy

In the name of God Amen I Robert G Griffin of the County of Southampton & State of Virginia being sick in body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same. It is desired by me that my body after death should be buried in decent order - First my will and desire is that all my just debts to be paid and my Executors shall collect all monies due to my estate, and if there should not be a sufficient amt to discharge the debts it should be raised out of my estate - 2^d I give to my daughter Caroline G Griffin and additional sum of three hundred dol's more than my son John G Griffin who is advanced further in life to her and her heirs forever - The residue of my estate be equally divided between my son John & Caroline to them and their heirs forever. I constitute and desire that my bro: Irvin Griffin & my friend William Atkinson be my executors to this my last will and Testament - whereof I have herunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of September 1851.

Signed & sealed
in presence of
Shugars Linn
David H Joyner
Eli Joyner

Robert G Griffin (Seal)

Codicil - Further my will and desire is that Nancy Griffin should not suffer for any thing to eat or to wear as long as there is any thing of my estate -

Shugars Linn
David H Joyner
Eli Joyner

Robert G Griffin (Seal)

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 15th day of September 1851
This last will and Testament of Robert G Griffin and a codicil thereto annexed were this day proved by the oaths of Shugars Linn David H Joyner and Eli Joyner the subscribing witnesses thereto and severally ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Irvin Griffin and William Atkinson the executors therein named who made oath and gave bond and security according to law certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form -

Teste J R Edwards Clk
at Copy. Teste J R Edwards Clk

Southampton County Court September 15th 1851.

The Court doth assign Irvin Griffin guardian of John and Caroline Griffin orphans of Robert G. Griffin dec^d. whereupon the said Irvin Griffin together with Arthur A. Drewry, Samuel Kells, Willis Broadbent, Wm R. Stephenson and Sudlow Lawrence his securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars conditioned according to law.

Attest

Jesse L. R. Edwards Ck

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Griffin

Know all men by these presents that we Edward W Mapeburg & James D Mapeburg are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of three thousand dollars, to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors & administrators jointly & severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals & dated the 21st day of May 1855

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Edward W Mapeburg was by a decree of the Circuit Court of Southampton County entered on the 3rd day of May 1855 in a suit in Chancery therein depending between Irvin Griffin plaintiff & John C. Harline & A. Griffin Defendants, appointed a Commissioner to receive from the Clerk of the said Court the money then returned by Irvin Griffin with his report, collect the bonds and invest the funds in bonds of the State of Virginia and return them to Court with his report Now if the said Edward W Mapeburg shall faithfully discharge the duties of his office or trust as such Commissioner then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force & effect.

E W Mapeburg (Seal)
J D Mapeburg (Seal)

Southampton Circuit Court Adjunct Office May 21/1855
This day the above named J D Mapeburg made oath before me that his estate is worth the sum of three thousand dollars the penalty of the above bond after the payment of all his just & lawful debts

J R Edwards Ck.

Griffin

u } Bond

Griffin

Know all men by these presents that we Irvin Griffin Samuel Kelco & W^m R. Stephenson are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full sum of Four thousand dollars current money of Virginia to the payment whereof well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated this 18th day of May 1857.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas by a decree of in the suit therein pending between Irvin Griffin against John C. & Caroline A. Griffin the Circuit Court of Southampton County rendered on the 5th day of May 1857, it was among other things adjudged, ordered and decreed that Irvin Griffin guardian of John C. Griffin and Caroline Griffin receive from the Clerk of this Court two coupon bonds of the Commonwealth of Virginia, one for the sum of \$1000.00 redeemable Jan^y. 1st 1887 dated Richmond August 4th 1853 No. 7228. & one for \$1000.00 redeemable Jan^y. 1st 1887 and dated Richmond August 4th 1853, No. 5327. also a certificate of Deposits of the Portsmouth Savings fund Society for \$533.41 dated April 30th 1857 which bonds and certificate were returned by Edward W. Massenburg with his report and are now filed in this cause.

That the said Guardian hold the said bonds for the benefit of the said John C. and Caroline Griffin, collect the interest as it falls due and credit the amounts as received in his Guardian accounts with his said wards. That he collect the certificate of Deposits and loan out the same on good & sufficient security, retain the bond for the benefit of his wards & collect the interest annually & credit the amounts of such interest in his guardian account. But this decree shall be suspended until the said Irvin Griffin shall enter into bond with sufficient security payable to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the Clerk's Office of this Court and before the Clerk in the penalty of \$4000.00 conditioned faithfully to execute the duties hereby required. Now if the said Irvin Griffin shall faithfully execute the duties required of him by the aforesaid decree then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force & virtue.

Signed, Sealed & delivered
in the presence of }

Irvin Griffin (Seal)
Sam^l Kelco (Seal)
W^m R. Stephenson (Seal)
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